(c) what steps have been taken to review the list of drugs used in eye preparations; and

(d) what is the basis in which commonly used effective drugs for Trachoma Control have been identified and who has done this identification?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) A Committee of experts was constituted to review the list of drugs which figures under Category-I of drug price control order, 1987. The Committee has submitted its report on 8-11-1988.

(d) Identification of the commonly used effective drugs for trachoma control has been done by experts on the basis of effectivity of the medicine is easy availability, and related safety.

Procurement of drugs from states for National Health Programme

542. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4203 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st Agust, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Laxamethasone, Betamethasone, Chloramphenical Pramycetin, Gentemycin, and Polymixin eye preparations are also purchased for National Health Programme directly or indirectly through states;

(b) if so, what were their purchases/procurement during the year 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(c) what were the purchases/procurement of Tetracycline and Hydrocortisone during the same period; and

(d) whether it is a fact that all the drugs used for National Health Programme have not been listed in Category-I and what steps have taken to board base Category-I list?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (d) Informtiaon is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Necessary drugs for National Health Programme

543. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 2662 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have drawn up a list of 60 drugs being considered necessary for National Health Programme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the list was given to the representative of Department of Chemicals and if so, the details thereof and when was it given.

(c) if so, what are the drugs in this list;

(d) whether it is a fact that all the programmes are not covered in the list; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (e) A list of 60 drugs was drawn up and sent to the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals on 4th June, 1987. The list is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 26].

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Review of drugs in category-I

544 SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2662 given

in Rajya Sabha on 17th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Committee to review the list of Category-I drugs and if so, what are the terms of references of the Committee;

(b) by when the committee would submit its reports;

(c) whether his Ministry or its nominee in the committee has failed to even give the representations received for consideration of the Committee;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof and the details of representations received; and

(e) what is the total number of National Health Programmes and what are the basis of deciding National Health Programmes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The terms of references of the Committee were to review the list of drugs which figures under Category I in Drug Price Control Order, 1987 and examine any other representations/suggestions for inclusion of essential drugs under Category I/Category II. The Committee has submitted its report regarding Category I drugs on 8.11.88.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The total number of National Health Programmes identified for Drug Price Control under Category I of the Drug Price Control Order, 1987 is eleven. The basis of identification of National Health Programme broadly is that the diseases have a potential for inter-state spread, the diseases produce a National Problem and there are effective measures available to tackle the disease on a national scale.

Kelkar committees on drugs in category II

545. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4125 given in Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the constitution of Kelkar Committee was decided by the Cabinet and was announced in the measures announced in December 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that the representatives nominated by his Ministry on the Kelkar Committee were a part and parcel thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the criteria decided for identifying Category-II drugs by the committee was that drugs having sales more than Rupees fifty lacs in 1986 would be included in the list;

(d) what are the reasons for non verification of facts by his nominees and how drugs such as Nandrolon Deconate, Ethyl Estranol, Nandrolone pheoly Prosion, Pxyfedrine Hcl, Norgestrol, Testosterone, Propionate etc., having sales turn over in crores got excluded; and

(e) what steps have been taken to check the ommissions?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) The Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals has informed the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that constitutition of a Committee for identifying drugs to be included in Category II was announced in the Measures.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Committee had adopted this as one of the criteria for excluding drugs for Category II from the W.H.O. list as well as its own list.

(d) and (e) Various representations received on this matter were referred to Kelkar Committee for its consideration. One report is under examination.